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there is only one person
who wants the position of
warden each year"



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Winter air

Troy Cumiskey and his son Eric, 5, take flight from a jump while tobogganing down the hill behind Archie
Stouffer Elementary School on Saturday afternoon, December 27.

Lumber store to re-open this spring

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Carnarvon received a special
Christmas present this year.

Jim Corneau, a business man
from Bradford, has bought the
former Carnarvon Building
Supplies and hopes to have it
open by Easter.

"I'm looking forward to get-
ting the doors open for the peo-
ple," he said in a telephone inter-
view.

Corneau is already familiar
with the Highlands through the
Castle chain of hardware and
lumber supply stores.

He owns a Castle store in
Lefroy, south of Barrie, and used
to own a Castle store in Stroud.
The Stroud business burnt down
and "after a long period of frus-
tration going through the hoops
to rebuild", he decided to build a
new future in the Highlands
instead.

His Castle stores are part of
the same area group as
Haliburton and he therefore
attended several meetings in the
area. So when he saw that the
former Carnarvon Building
Supplies had gone bankrupt in
May, he knew the business and
its potential in a cottage area.

"It's not like I'm walking in
blind," he says.

Although the past owners
Carnarvon Building Supplies
had recent financial troubles,
Corneau says the business has a
long history in the area that
bodes well for the future.

"It has an excellent location on
the corner of two highways

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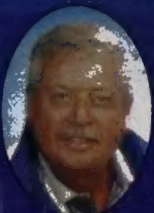
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County continues fight against assessment office

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

It may be time to withhold payment to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation as a way of forcing the agency to deal with the backlog of assessment changes, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey told his fellow county councillors on Wednesday.

"It's very good to say assessment values in the county are up 14 per cent, but unfortunately, the increase is all on waterfront properties," he said. "We've really got an unfair tax situation."

"I'm almost suggesting we withhold money until we get some answers. It's really frustrating."

There are two things which concern Fearrey and other local politicians.

One is that although MPAC funding comes from municipalities, the crown corporation is not updating assessment figures based on the building permits the municipalities provide.

It means that assessment increases estimated to be worth \$30- to \$40-million are not yet being incorporated into municipal tax rolls. If the money was added to the tax base, then municipalities could lower their tax rate, the number by which assessment is multiplied to come up with the property taxes which are owed.

By not including the new figures, it also means people who have not enhanced their properties are, in effect, subsidizing those who have.

The other concern is how rapidly assessment is increasing on waterfront properties. A few years ago, the province adopted a market value assessment system. Essentially, a property is assessed at the price the owner could get if he or she put the property up for sale.

But what if people have no intention of selling the cottage that's been part of the family for generations? Fearrey is worried that if property taxes go up too much, people won't be able to afford their Highlands getaway.

"It's difficult for some property owners," he says. "Some waterfront property owners have seen their assessment increase as much as 30 per cent and they didn't do a thing to change [their property's value]. If the tax rate stays the same, taxes go up \$600 for no new services."

At Fearrey's prompting, the county will invite representatives from MPAC as well as the Ministry of Finance to a future county council meeting.

"Since Haliburton County is paying for MPAC's services, such a level of performance deserves explanation," Fearrey said.

He also asked if anyone has tried to follow the procedure to check on their assessment as indicated on their assessment notice. "It's a real treat," he said sarcastically. "You won't come close to getting an answer."



Better for patients

Charge nurse Judy Toye says patients at the Minden emergency facility appreciate the new stretcher which was donated by the Minden Health Care Auxiliary. The \$4,800 stretcher is wider and more padded than the other stretcher, making it more comfortable. Taking part in the presentation of the new stretcher were the Auxiliary's Donna Monk (seated), Billie Shuyler and Corinne Arsenault, as well as the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's manager, Dale Walker.

Carnarvon store to employ eight or nine full-time staff

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going into a recreational cottage area," he says.

He's not planning any major changes to the buildings in the short-term and will spend the next few months cleaning up the property and bringing in stock. He hopes to have it open by late March as the building season begins to warm up.

The business will likely employ the same complement

of staff: eight or nine full-time throughout the year and an addition four or five employees during the busy summer months.

His base will remain in Bradford but he will be spending a lot of time in Carnarvon. Given how busy Bradford has become, and how the new highway extensions will make it even busier, Carnarvon may become more than a part-time home. "I may be trying to find a quiet place to retire to."

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Hopes for a Happy New Year

Business people and politicians optimistic that 2002's hard work will pay dividends

by **SHERYL LOUCKS**
Times Staff

Retailers dreaming of a white Christmas got their wish this year and the rev of snowmobile engines were as musical to their ears as the cha-ching of cash registers.

Bob Patton, who owns North Shore Lawn and Garden, says this year's Boxing Day sales went well and business for snowmobiling is starting to pick-up.

"Everyone remembers how bad it was last year but news is getting out how there is good riding north of Haliburton. People are starting to get going out there," says Patton.

In other retail areas retailers were not reporting hordes of shoppers but did say this Christmas season was good, not better or worse than last year but good.

David Dollo of Dollo's IGA says this year there seemed to be a slow start but the end of the holiday season was "very, very good."

Dollo says over the year in general he hasn't noticed any new trends amid shoppers but like Patton he's holding out for a cold and snowy winter to bring the snowmobile trade in.

Ross Rigney, Minden Hills Reeve and new Haliburton County Warden, says his aim is to improve business in 2003 with continued development along the Highway 35 by-pass.



Warden Ross Rigney's resolution is to improve business.

"The Highway 35 corridor is one of the few areas of flat land around. Properties are selling frequently and we're continuing to be optimistic," says Rigney. "We are going to continue to encourage small businesses to locate here. We can't legally offer incentives like tax breaks but we'll try and make what adjustments we can and stay within the planning guides."

He added new development of an adult community over the next three or four years will also automatically mean more shoppers for village businesses.

Rigney says some high points over 2002 have been the completion of the industrial park with two businesses already operating there and a third will soon be opening their doors in the New Year. He is also pleased with the effectiveness of the Clean and Clear bylaw.

Most importantly for Minden Hills, says Rigney, is the "great job" staff have done in familiarizing themselves with the former municipalities, particularly with the smooth operation of the roads and waste departments.

In 2003, Rigney says, completing the official plans at the county and municipal level will be a main goal that will cut out a lot of debate and allow them to move on



Kathy Fisher of Minden looks through a shelf of Christmas fabric for 50 per cent off at the V&S Stedmans in Minden on Saturday, December 28. Fisher already had her basket full of marked-down items. The white Christmas gave a boost to holiday shopping in the area.

with other issues.

As far as his projections for the county, he says the big issue will be waste management.

"Waste management may go to the upper tier which would in my opinion allow for more methodical planning. But in order to do that it will take a lot of time and perhaps some professional help," says Rigney.

Infrastructure issues are high on his priority list and Rigney is planning on taking an active role in working with Eastern Ontario municipalities to either earn qualification for FedNor money, to assist with the cost of roads, hospitals, water, sewage and other infrastructure cost, or lobby for access to another pot of money.

He is keen to ensure all four municipalities in the county have equal access to emergency services and proceed with the same set of standards when it comes to implementing the Ontario Disability Act that requires new levels of accessibility for the disabled.

"It's an important act. And it will cost perhaps a significant amount of money



Past warden Eleanor Harrison says the work of the past year will pay off in 2003.

but I always thought it was one of those things we should be doing in the first place," says Rigney.

Past Warden, Eleanor Harrison, commented highlights for the county in 2002 were getting started on Connect Ontario and having OSTAR funding granted for the development of the rail corridor.

She says that for Algonquin Highlands, where she is reeve, and the county, 2002 seemed to be a heavy work year with many projects moving forward while 2003 may be the bigger year for completion and fruition of that work.

In Algonquin Highlands she is eager to see action on the issues of expansion of the Stanhope Airport and creation of a new sewage lagoon. Council is also looking forward, she says, to hearing a report from their special projects committee with a recommendation for what to do with the former Dorset Public School property.

"I think in 2002 the one thing we did see was the Chamber of Commerce had a really rough start but have done an excellent job in turning things around. I think they're working well together and I hope to see the positive changes continue," says Harrison.

Jim Henwood, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce board president, commented his goal in 2003 is to prove to the county and the community they are not "a one year wonder."

"Obviously we need to secure the support of the county and we are trying to convince the community we can deliver

service. They (the county) gave us a challenge earlier this year, and we met it," says Henwood.

Membership has increased by 24 per cent, he says, with strong momentum propelling the chamber forward into 2003.

"We got through some pretty tough times with a management change. The board was given a mandate to get through that and we did with flying colours," says Henwood.



The Chamber of Commerce can be proud of its 24% increase in membership, president Jim Henwood says.

He says office space became a challenge in 2002 as they closed one office and will continue to be a challenge in 2003 as the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network expands. Henwood says the chamber would like to continue the close association they both have enjoyed to date.

He added the chamber is now doing some more target marketing, such as going to a woman's trade show this past fall, and has maintained a successful website that has had thousands of hits.

"We want to become more of a point of influence in the county and to stay in the spotlight with a positive spin," he says.

There's tourism potential in these hills

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A group of Sir Sandford Fleming College students has begun a project which could have some positive long term effects on the tourist industry of Haliburton County.

John Etches submitted a proposal to U-Links on behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network to study the viability of developing mining heritage tourism in the county. The mineral potential of the county has been explored in the past, with attempts to mine iron ore and other minerals. Numerous sites across the county have been explored and a few mines developed. The county's mining history is evident with place names such as Irondale and Miners Bay, to name two.

The ultimate goal is to develop Haliburton County as a mining heritage tourism destination where visitors can be attracted to the county in search of minerals or to view sites of mining significance from the past.

Jim Blake teaches the Community Development course with the Ecotourism program at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Haliburton. He is also one of the founders of the U-Links program. Although U-links is a Trent University program, the mineral heritage study fits well with the SSFC Ecotourism students and a team of four students – Adam Zita, Frances Goschl, Louise



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

People involved with the mining heritage tourism initiative gathered after the students made their presentation at Sir Sandford Fleming College. They are, left to right: John Etches, representing the Trails and Tours Network; student researchers Louise Ritchie, Frances Goschl, Matt Watson and Adam Zita; and SSFC's Jim Blake.

Ritchie and Matt Watson – took on the project. "The students really sunk their teeth into it," Blake said.

Much of the research involved searching through records at the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines office in Tweed. But the students also did some footwork, investigating a local site and talking to people who had information about mining activities and exploration in Snowdon Township.

The students said they got excellent co-operation from the staff at the Township of Minden Hills as well as the people from the Registry Office in Minden.

Since the cataloguing of all the possible sites in

Haliburton County is too onerous a task for a few students to accomplish over a span of several weeks, the Township of Snowdon (which is now part of Minden Hills) was chosen. Snowdon was selected because it is known to have several sites where mining activity has been carried out over the years. Debbie Laidlaw, a geologist with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines was contacted and she suggested Snowdon would be a good place to start. Eventually, Etches hopes the study will be extended to cover the entire county.

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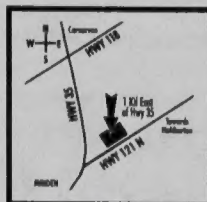
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Irondale owes its rich history to mining

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The inventory of sites is the first step in the process.

Etches cited the partnership between all the agencies involved in the study as "evidence of a well-functioning community." He considers the fact that these groups can work together toward a common goal is a positive sign of the times. The partners include: U-Links, the Sir Sandford Fleming College students and staff, the Trails and Tours Network, Haliburton County Development Corporation (which provided some funding) and the Township of Minden Hills.

"I hope all this work won't be in 'vein,'" Etches quipped.

He admits logging has been a bigger part of Haliburton County history, but he says mining and exploration in search of minerals is also a significant part of Haliburton County's heritage.

Mining heritage is an important aspect of the minerals/geology tourism initiative of Trails and Tours. This U-Links project is a great step forward, Etches said. "It is huge that you've started the ball rolling," he told the students.

The students made a presentation at the college to summarize their research findings.

"The objective of our community-based research was to determine the potential for mining heritage tourism within the Township of Snowdon," Louise Ritchie, who narrated a slide show at the college, said. "If it wasn't grown, it comes from a mine. Many people question this statement, but it's true. If it wasn't man-made or if it wasn't grown in the soil, chances are it possesses some mineral within its composition."

Ritchie explained the process the students used to conduct their research.

"We constructed a data inventory template and used it to extract information from files housed at the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines office in Tweed," she said. "The sense of accomplishment we felt after completing the template began to fade a little as we questioned if there truly was mining-related tourism potential in Snowdon Township."

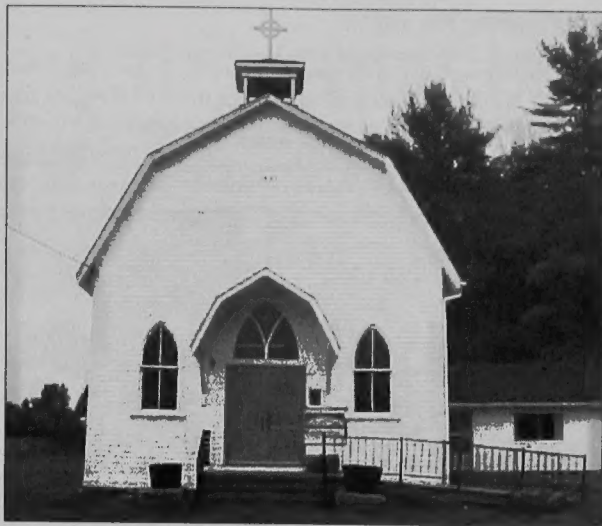
But the group refocused its efforts. "We had lost the heritage part of mining heritage tourism. We almost missed the point," Ritchie said.

She defined the meaning of mining heritage tourism as: a form of tourism that focuses on the stories, the lifestyles and the history of the mining industry, as well as the men, women and children whose lives it affected.

She pointed out that the research with the ministry's records showed more "mineral occurrences" than actual mining activity. In spite of that, she said mining has significantly impacted the lives of people within the communities where the industry was located.

For communities which have been impacted by closure of mines, such as Timmins, mining heritage tourism is one way some of them have helped cope with the loss of employment opportunities.

The students' presentation included a visit from a



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The church at Irondale still stands as a testament to the early attempts at mining in Snowdon Township. It was built by a mining company executive.

miner of the 1870s, complete with a sledge hammer and an ore sample. Adam Zita, portraying a character from more than 120 years ago, explained the history of mining in Snowdon. He said it began when a farmer found some iron ore. "It all started back in 1870 when a man named W. Robinson was farming – clearing the land – and he found some iron ore." Zita outlined the sequence of events and people who tried to make their fortunes from the local minerals. Fortunes were lost and investors went bankrupt, but some small communities sprang up and many miles of railway were constructed along the way. Many people in our county do not realize that the county's historic railways sprung from efforts to mine the land, not log it. A pair of entrepreneurs from Chicago spent \$200,000 over two years building a smelter west of Irondale at Furnace Falls. That investment was lost when the facility burned down.

Although the mining industry failed, the area was richer for a railway that linked Kinmount to Gooderham. The rail line was called the IBO line. It was an ambitious plan to link Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa by rail to transport ore and other commodities. That ambition was never completely realized, although the track was built as far as Gooderham. The IBO railway was used in to transport lumber and forest products for decades after all hope of establishing a mining industry had vanished. The reason for the failure of the iron mining industry, Zita said, was because the ore contained too much sulphur, which made it unsuitable for smelting.

Mining resulted in the settlement of some local communities – Irondale for one.

An interesting fact that was discovered during the study was that when mining was in its heyday in the county, local labour, including Indians, was relatively easy to find. But as forestry became more lucrative, offering higher wages, the mining officials were forced to import Italian labourers from the city.

During their research, the students had a chance to visit a site near Irondale and speak with a few local people who had knowledge of the area's mining history.

A revival of interest in the Snowden mineral deposits was seen in the 1950s and 1960s, when exploring and testing was done. But there still wasn't enough mineral potential to make extraction worthwhile.

Although mining itself was not a viable industry, the early attempts to develop that industry could have some economic benefits more than a century later.

"The value comes from its economic potential as a tourism product, as well as a developmental tool. Mining heritage promotes local communities and promotes the diversification of their economy," Ritchie said. "It also allows the general education of the public about the history, the stories and the lifestyles that existed in the mining communities." She said the old mine sites could be re-opened as potential tourist attractions.

"We suggest to our community clients that community based planning be heavily implemented within the development of mining heritage tourism within Haliburton County," Ritchie concluded.

She said that Irondale is an example of a community that could capitalize on mining heritage.

Etches adds that "Highlands East stands to benefit the most from this initiative because most of the mining activity occurred there."

The group recommended having professional geologists inspect and verify the significance of the local sites. Although there isn't much in the way of infrastructure remaining at any of the sites that were actively mined, the students believe the stories behind the failed industry are conducive to a potential for tourism.

It was noted that the research on Snowdon's mining heritage is just a small portion of a much larger project of Trails and Tours, which is to develop a minerals/geology based tourist industry across the county.

The students agreed that the project was interesting. They enjoyed delving into the history of the township as it related to mining.

Etches was pleased with the results of the research project. There remains much work to complete the studies before a plan can be developed to exploit the county's mining heritage tourism potential.

"Jim Blake and Kate Hall of U-Links deserve a special thanks for facilitating this project," Etches said.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Resolutions

Our ace photographer for *The Times* and *The Echo*, Darren Lum, proclaimed the other day that he never breaks a New Year's resolution. It may sound at first like he's a very determined individual, but his secret is to not make any resolutions.

You can't fault his logic. The only way to guarantee you won't break a New Year's resolution is to not make one.

To some, the new year means a fresh start and provides the incentive to make some positive changes. We salute all those who are going to make an honest effort to realize positive changes starting on January 1, 2003 – whether it is to quit smoking, to become a little more physically fit or just make an attempt to be a better person. Good luck.

Following are a few resolutions we'd like to see made and kept:

We would like to see the federal government – resolve to spend our tax dollars wisely; to curb the insane waste of billions of dollars which could be redirected where they are desperately needed, such as health care, education and numerous other areas worthy of additional funding; to address the real priorities first; to assume fiscal responsibility and be accountable; to admit mistakes, do the right thing and move on.

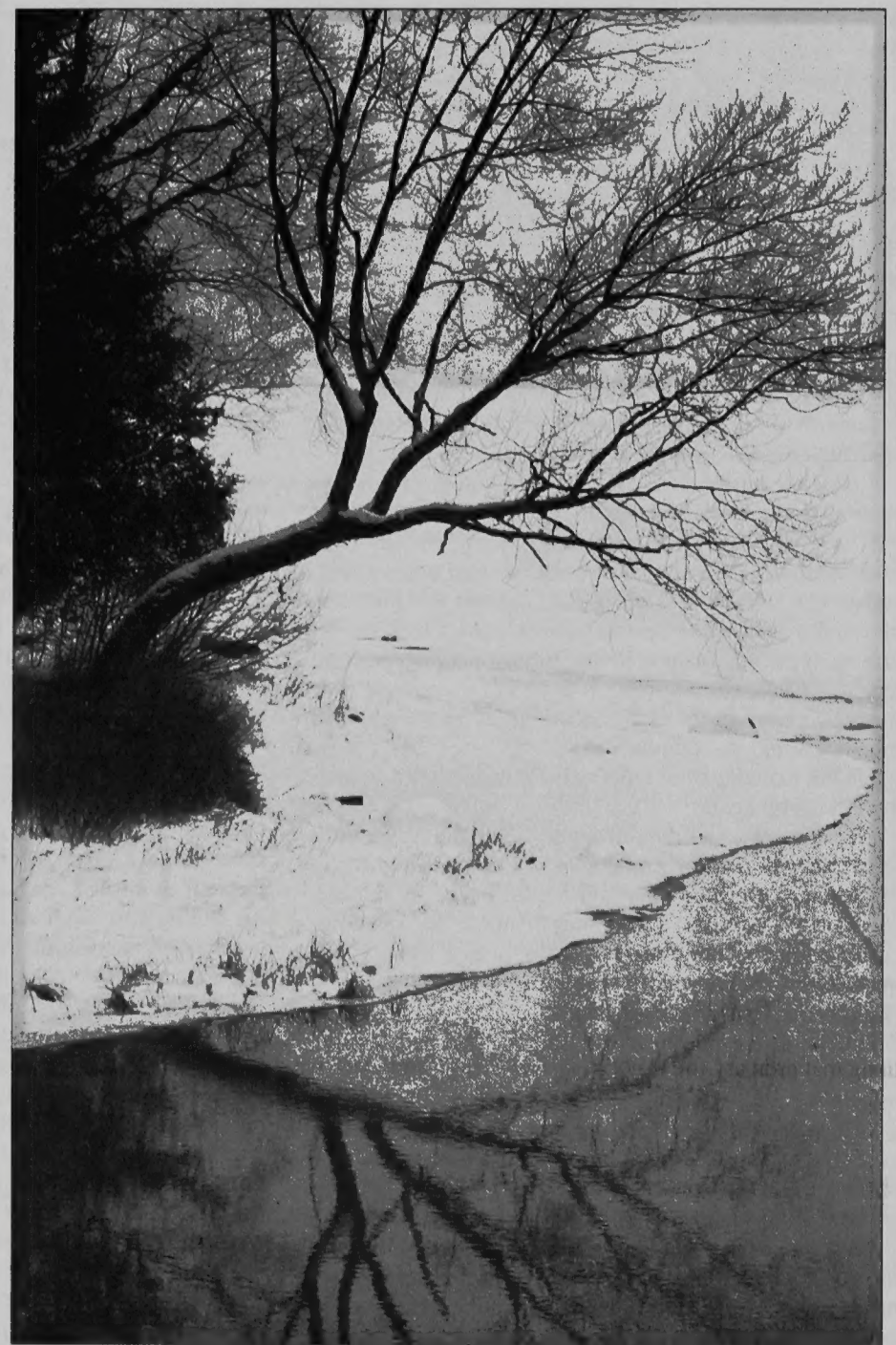
At the provincial level, we would like to see the government – resolve to make decisions based on solid logic, sound economics and, in some cases, real biological data; avoid decisions based on emotion; resolve to give rural residents an equal voice and realize that urban and rural interests are not always the same; recognize that what is good for the GTA, Ottawa or Windsor may be bad for Minden, Haliburton or Carnarvon.

At the County government level – resolve to find a better way to select a county warden than the perceived back room "you can be warden this year and I'll be warden next year" system. It's not that we have any objection to who has been chosen as warden, past or present, it's just the system. It is hard to believe that there is only one person who wants the position of warden each year and we don't think anyone who is willing to accept the challenge should be pressured to stand aside because it may be someone else's "turn" to wear the county warden robes. Let them present their reasons why they think they should assume the responsibility and be duly elected in an open vote of their peers.

At the local political level (Minden Hills) – resolve to take a hard look at why, after many years service to this community, the two top municipal employees have decided to move on; resolve to make adjustments to ensure we don't lose any more competent and dedicated municipal employees.

Voters – resolve to be informed before you make your decision regarding whom to support. Know what the candidate's position is on the issues you feel are important and know what the party's platform is. The platform of the party that your grandparents and parents supported may bear little resemblance to the platform, values and ideals the same party endorses today. Voting strictly on family tradition may be worse than not voting at all.

On behalf of everyone at *The Times*, we wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous and safe New Year.



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

The stark contrasts of winter

Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

GUEST COLUMN

Chamber of Commerce News & Views

Chamber looks to future with enthusiasm, pride

The following points of interest are from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce December newsletter.

President's notes

Franka Andriano at Whispering Pine B&B Retreat recently hosted our Christmas Business After Hours. It was a standing room-only crowd of more than 50 people, delicious food by Franka's Delectables - and there were even carolers!

I hope this finds everyone busy with customers, and finding a chance to reflect on the year gone by. As I reflect on this past year I must sincerely thank our staff at the office for their hard work & dedication in getting us through some challenging times. I also want to thank the hard working and loyal members of the Board of Directors who persevered through

many long meetings as we pushed our way through this journey. Our work is ongoing and we look forward to the future of our county and our organization with pride and enthusiasm.

On behalf of the Board of the Directors and staff of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce I would like to extend warmest greetings to each of you and your families.

Jim Henwood,
President

It was free for goodness sake

The deadline for FREE listings with Ontario Tourism was Friday, December 13th. At last count, only 9 (that's nine) members of our tourism industry signed up. This county is home to 147 accommo-

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Test tube maybes

As I write this, Clonaid, a research group linked to the Raelian sect, claims to have cloned a human baby. Naturally, this announcement has caused quite a stir in scientific circles.

Though lauded as one of the great technological milestones, I can't help but wonder what's the big achievement here? If confirmed, it would only mean that they've spent millions of research dollars and an incredible amount of time to do what most of us can accomplish with the aid of a Nat King Cole album, roses, and a cheap bottle of wine. I imagine the only difference is that their procedure doesn't involve a concerted period of begging followed by a power nap.

Though not exactly cloning, this time-honoured technique has served the human race admirably thus far. There's no shortage of willing practitioners for this old-fashioned baby production method so why rush to find alternative means? Maybe I'm uneducated about Raelian beliefs and motives, but I've got to question the collective IQ of any group

that gets excited about reinventing something that's been happening since the first man collided with the first woman.

Yet, if you ask me, it's not the process that should concern us, it's the social implications.

Cloning babies is the first step in making fatherhood obsolete. From now on, women can and will conceive babies without the crucial assistance, technical expertise and the brief but significant input provided by a man. That leaves us with mowing the lawn, heavy lifting and taking out the trash. Oh joy!

Look, I know it is only a biological function but it means the world to me. The ten minutes or so that it took to sire my three kids were among the happiest moments of my life.

I'm not suggesting that conceiving a child is all baby oil, Viking helmets and swinging from the chandelier.

Sometimes, it gets abnormal too, but, as a father, that doesn't mean that I don't deserve respect and dignity, despite my actions to the contrary during the mating process.

Besides, can a test tube change diapers without the slightest hesitation or fear? Well, good, because neither can I. Is it capable of driving six miles at midnight to buy gherkin pickles, salt and vinegar chips and strawberry ice cream? Or listen sympathetically from the next room, occasionally stopping to ask if everything's alright, during each and every bout of morning sickness? Can it use a canoe paddle to pry his full-term mate gently off the

water bed? No, as inanimate objects test tubes lack man's innate sensitivity. And do you really think a test tube would provide constant reassurance that her feet are still there? I think not.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

They're everywhere! They're everywhere!

"If we are on the outside, we assume a conspiracy is the perfect working of a scheme. Silent, nameless men with unadorned hearts. A conspiracy is everything that ordinary life is not."

Don DeLillo

If you knew just where to look, high in the virtually uninhabited, wind-scoured peaks of the Chilean Andes, you would find a curious installation. It's an austere building that glows ghostly white in the moonlight, definitely man-made, but unlike anything else man has ever made anywhere. Inside the building you would find four massive, articulated mirrors, each of them nearly 30 feet in diameter. They are linked together by optical fibres and they are attended twenty-four hours a day by a team of fussy and vigilant astronomers and technicians, all of them imported from Europe.

This is the world's one and only VLT.

Nothing very mysterious about the letters - they stand for Very Large Telescope and indeed it is. It's the most powerful telescope ever invented, capable of isolating a single human hair ten miles away. Very shortly, the astronomers will crank the VLT around until it's pointing towards the moon. They will fine-tune the resolution knobs and see if they can spot any of

the six lunar modules that NASA put up there more than 30 years ago.

Isn't that a lot of trouble to go to, just to scope out some long-discarded space junk? Well, yes, but the folks at NASA are hoping that new photographic evidence of old NASA equipment collecting moon dust up yonder will finally shut up a small but vociferous group of people who insist that all those old moon landings were faked.

That's right - there are still human beings with actual voting privileges who believe that no human ever touched the lunar surface. That it was all a phony Hollywood back lot charade shot in the wilds of Arizona by NASA to convince the world the Yanks had beaten Russia in the race to the moon.

Those live voice transmissions from the astronauts? Recorded in a sound studio in Phoenix. The photos of Earth? An artist's impression - probably a Disney flack. The conversations with the President and Walter Cronkite? Well, Walter was in on the hoax, of course - and you know what Tricky Dick was like.

I hope the scientists don't waste a lot of time looking for evidence of the space buggies because the Loony Fringe will pooh-pooh whatever they find as doctored photos anyway. Debating with conspiracy

theorists is like playing WhackAMole: shoot down one of their 'facts' and they pop up with three new ones. That's the one great thing about being paranoid: it provides an answer for all those things you could never figure out.

What is it that compels the conspiracy-prone to chuck all logic and embrace the most nonsensical notions?

How can sane people seriously entertain the belief that Princess Di was a victim of an assassination engineered by the British

Royal Family? That AIDS was created in a secret CIA laboratory as a means of keeping the blacks down? That Elvis is actually alive and delivering takeout at a pizza joint in Kansas?

What the hell's the matter with their brains?

I don't know, but it's spreading. As you

read this, French consumers are hunched over their copies of a book called *L'Enfroyable Imposture* - "The Horrible Fraud". In it, the author asserts that there was no plane that crashed into The Pentagon on September 11th. Nope, that was actually a deliberate internal bombing masterminded by the Oval Office to abort an attempted takeover by rebel forces within the U.S. Military.

The book is on the French best-seller list.

Not surprisingly, the conspiracy virus has found a fecund Petri dish in the la-la land of Hollywood. Last year, actor Richard Belzer published a largely incoherent book of his conspiracy theories. Barbara Streisand recently hinted darkly that the plane crash that killed Senator Paul Wellstone was 'no accident'. And Brad Pitt's friends say he's become obsessed with intruders. Apparently Pitt frequently sits up all night watching videos from the home-security system that protects his 11-acre California compound. "He's become obsessed with the idea that someone is sneaking on to the property," says a friend. "He gets up about every three hours to check the monitors and replay the video."

Chill, Brad. It's probably just Elvis with your vegetarian all-dressed pizza.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

New provincial tourism strategy on the agenda

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dation providers, not to mention museums, galleries, events and other related suppliers. This is very disappointing response to a free opportunity.

New Minister of Tourism on the road

Newly appointed Minister of Tourism Frank Klees is holding Tourism Strategy Stakeholder Consultations around the province to begin the process of crafting a long-term strategy for Ontario's tourism competitiveness.

We were invited to attend the Peterborough-area forum recently to participate in discussion groups around the industry issues of quality, sustainability, image and being customer-driven. Attendees represented several key areas in our region including the counties of Haliburton, Hastings, Northumberland and York, and the cities of Peterborough, Bobcaygeon and Cobourg, among others.

GUEST COLUMN

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Several issues were raised repeatedly throughout the day including access to capital, training, pride in the industry (or lack thereof), sustainability of family businesses and the lack of understanding by municipal governments about the economic impact of tourism. The Minister intends to provide proceedings from the day, so stay tuned for a full report.

Volunteer update

We extend a hearty "welcome back:" to our Tuesday volunteer Rick Ratcliffe. Rick left us in the spring after several years of dedicated service and we were sad to see him go. But Rick couldn't stand to be away from us, so he has returned to the fold. Rick is our "Mr. Fix It" and we rely on his organizational and problem-solving skills. Thanks, Rick!

Here is our Volunteer Lineup: Tuesday - Rick Ratcliffe; Wednesday - Elinor Hamilton; Friday - Karen Rainey. If you haven't met these terrific folks, drop in and say hello. And by the way, more volunteers are always welcome!

9-1-1 committee makes inroads in 2002

by **STEPHEN FOSTER**
9-1-1 Co-ordinator

By virtue of the dedication and determination of those who are part of it, the 9-1-1 Team has advanced the cause of emergency response in several respects during 2002.

For instance, we have expanded the list of known roads in the County to 1766. Of that number, over 1500 are private. Second, an intensive screening of the names by which roads are currently known has eliminated instances of exact duplication, near duplication, sounds like and over-use of such keywords as Point, Bay, Ridge and so on. The replacement names provided by residents or that will be drawn by the municipalities from a pre-approved name list will help us to minimize the possibility of the misdirection of an emergency response unit.

At the moment, there are still 558 roads to name. At a meeting to be held in late January, the four municipal Road Naming committees will come together with the county to finish the task of assigning names to roads.

Over the course of the months from May through August, 2002, teams of students crisscrossed the county evaluating roads. Distances from the starting point of each road to the driveways that intersect them were measured while family or descriptive names were recorded off identification signs found at or near the ends of the driveways. These signs are helping us to figure out who lives where.

What the students saw and recorded has been used in the creation of a habitation map for each road. Wherever necessary, these maps are being turned over to road representatives or volunteers to assist us by identifying the owners whose properties are accessed by driveways without any identification signs.

Looking ahead, we have to link each telephone number in the county to the subscriber and then to the civic address

where that telephone is located. The civic address is derived using the distance measurements taken at driveways. In most cases, the subscriber is the owner of the property to which access is provided by the driveway. In the remaining cases, subscribers are usually tenants.

As dramatic and effective as our activities have been in 2002, next year will be

even more intense. All the road name and property number signs must be manufactured and installed across the length and breadth of the County in the months from May through November. As this happens, residents will, at last, have tangible evidence that the property and street identification components of the 9-1-1 service are in place.

As the signage goes up, another intensive effort will be underway to complete the linkage of telephone numbers to civic addresses. When the database of telephone subscribers and civic addresses is turned over to Bell Canada, we will declare that another major task in the development of 9-1-1 has been completed.

Groundwater study yielding important information

The following are brief reports from the recent county council meeting.

Haliburton County has been a priority for the groundwater study being conducted throughout the Trent watershed, CAO Gary King said.

The Highlands portion of the study, which concentrates on well head protection and aquifer identification, should be available for review by late January.

"It will require some significant discussion and everyone will need to implement policies in their official plans for groundwater protection," King said.

"I'm pleased [with the study]," he concluded. "Although they were late in getting started, they've made up for it."

The data for the area to the south of the county will be ready in March or April.

Environment committee

The county agreed to form a Joint Environment and Planning Advisory Committee comprised of four elected representatives and five non-elected members.

This committee will replace the County Advisory Committee on the Environment, which the county disbanded last month. Members of that committee, as well as any other members of the public, are welcome to submit their name for selection on the new committee.

The new committee will also absorb the county's headwaters committee.

Canoe FM

Instead of outrightly rejecting a request for a donation from Canoe FM, county council agreed to defer the debate to its budget deliberations.

The county has a policy stating it will not fund committee organizations but also has a "notwithstanding clause" to allow it to make exceptions during budget negotiations. For instance, last year the county gave a grant to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's fish hatchery as well as the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network.

"Our policy is not to fund community organizations but that's exactly what we're supposed to do," said Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, who seemed to be in favour of helping the new community radio station.

King said there was lengthy discussion at budget time about the policy. County

council decided to keep the policy in place, he said, "for fear of opening the floodgates to other community organizations, and there are many of them."

Homelessness

Any organization that deals with homeless people are entitled to apply to a \$107,000 fund for this area.

The money is being held by the City of Kawartha Lakes as part of the social service alliance, but Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison said "We are entitled to the money as much as anyone else."

People from Haliburton are also on the committee which distributes the money.

County map

In just a few weeks a new map of the Highlands, produced by county staff, will be available.



Realtors give big

Realtors from Countrywide Haliburton Realty Ltd donated \$500 from their commissions to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The Countrywide team also raised \$205 at their summertime barbeque. From left to right (standing): Jack Woodcroft, Vic Disik, Vince Jarvis, Henrie Paluszkiwicz, Dale Walker, Tom Gardner, Doug Johnson and Sandy Johnson. Seated: Grace Lougheed and Cindy Muenzel. Absent: Cat Wilson, Gloria Carnochan, Dianne Smith, Barry Warren and Tracy Marshall.

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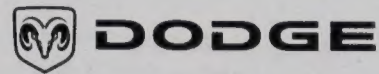
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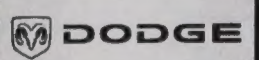
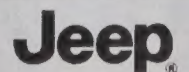
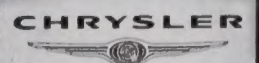
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Minden's Kim Warburton would swim in the pair of pants she wore just two years ago. With the help of Weight Watchers, she decided she wanted to change her life,

especially since her weight was having such a negative impact on her health. She had to walk with a cane because her weight put excessive stress on her joints.

NOT JUST FOR NEW YEAR'S

110 pounds later, Kim Warburton has stuck to her resolution to lose weight

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

TWO YEARS AGO Kim Warburton didn't know what her reflection looked like.

If there was a mirror anywhere within her sight range, she avoided it like the plague.

"I never wanted to know what I looked like," Warburton said. "It just seemed safer that way."

Standing at just over five feet tall, the long-time Minden resident says she hit

the lowest point in her life when she woke up one day and realized she weighed more than 300 pounds.

"I tried all diets and my weight constantly went up and down," she said. "I was constantly losing the battle."

Describing her life-long weight battle as "scary," Warburton said she was constantly in pain, suffered from sleep apnea and she had to walk with a cane because her extra weight caused excessive stress on her knee joints.

"Even walking to the car at the end of the day tired me out," she said.

Warburton said she couldn't fit in the

attached chairs at some fast food outlets, and she had an even worse time squeezing her large frame behind the wheel of her car.

"The steering wheel would rub up against my stomach," she said. "It wasn't safe for me to be driving anymore."

Suffering from a weight problem since she was a child, Warburton said at one point she even considered gastroplasty - an invasive surgery to reduce the size of her stomach - to help her lose weight.

Merely considering the option tipped the scales for Warburton.

She woke up one morning, made up her

mind to lose weight and with the recommendation from a few friends, joined the local Weight Watchers program.

"I made the decision and I walked into the first meeting alone," she said. "To even walk in that door by myself was a huge step."

That first week she lost seven pounds.

Seven pounds turned into 15 pounds, which eventually led to 40 pounds.

The pain disappeared, the cane was no longer required, and Warburton suddenly realized her bubbly personality was shining through.

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'You just take it one day at a time'

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Determination, willpower and a desire to be healthy propelled Warburton into the present day, where the incredibly shrinking woman shed 110 pounds - almost an entire person.

The best part about the weight loss, is that Warburton says she's never felt better.

"Weight Watchers is a whole new lifestyle and gave me a new way to think about food," she said on a lunch break from her job at Minden IDA.

Her lunch of chicken soup, buttered toast and water is a far cry from the much larger portions she once ate.

Warburton said she didn't gain weight by bingeing or eating incessantly, but from not understanding portion sizes and not making proper healthy food choices.

"I wasn't eating enough of the right stuff," she said.

The new Warburton finds pleasure in fruits and vegetables and guzzles water like a camel to ensure she drinks at least eight glasses a day.

While chocolates are her weakness, Warburton says she just doesn't go there anymore.

"I just don't touch them," she said. "I'm determined to do this and I'm focused."

Every Wednesday night, after the weekly Weight Watchers meeting, Warburton treats herself to something tantalizing such as a slice of pizza, some frozen

yogurt or whatever else she might be craving that week.

"I have whatever I want and then for the rest of the week I don't have to worry about it," she said.

Choosing extra-lean meats and reading nutritional labels are just two of the things that have helped Warburton make better choices at the grocery store.

She describes her weight loss battle as being an alcoholic.

"You just take it one day at a time," she said. "If you eat something that you didn't want to eat, then you just start the next day fresh."

With the one-day-at-a-time mentality, Warburton says she'd still like to lose another 50 pounds.

The program isn't for everyone, Warburton says, "but it has really worked for me."

"I don't want to be skinny, I want to be a weight where I feel healthy and active."

Warburton says her family, especially her husband, gave her endless support and encouragement.

"My husband never ridiculed me, or made me feel any less about myself," Warburton said.

With her new-found abundance of energy, Warburton volunteers at Hyland Crest and can even keep up with her husband

when they go walking or hiking together.

She also says the staff at IGA have been especially encouraging, giving her flowers when she celebrated the 100 pound mark.

Warburton also got a special award from the owner of Weight Watchers.

Sue Collings, a life-time weight watch member and a leader of the group, says Warburton is extremely dedicated to losing weight.

"She has been faithful and has worked so hard at this," Collings said before a recent meeting. Co-leader Wendy Bartlett says the weight loss path that each individual takes is different.

"Some people see the end of the tunnel, others take side trips."

Warburton is one of those people who sees the tunnel.

Now, when there is a mirror in the room, Warburton stops and takes a moment.

"I look in the mirror and say, 'Oh my God. It's me,'" Warburton says.

It only took a lifetime for her to find somebody who had always been there.

For more information on the Weight Watcher's program call 1-888-3-FLORINE.

There are meetings in Minden and in Haliburton.



This photo of Kim Warburton and her friends was taken when Kim was at her highest weight. Counter clockwise from bottom left are: Tina Anderson, Kathy Sutcliffe, Kim Warburton, Gail Crowe and Janice Faulkner.

CRACKLE SPICE DROPS

Planning a New Year's party but want to stay on your diet. Here's a Weight Watchers recipe for some cookies to nibble on. The recipe yields 36 cookies and they're one point each

1/2 cup reduced calorie margarine, soft
1/2 cup unpacked brown sugar
1 large egg
1 Tbsp vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1 Tbsp pumpkin pie spice
1/4 cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 375°.

In mixing bowl, on medium speed, beat margarine with brown sugar until creamy. Add egg and vanilla extract; beat until light and fluffy. Stir in flour, baking soda, salt and spice.

Roll rounded teaspoonsful of dough into powdered sugar to coat. Place onto baking sheet. Bake until golden, about 7 to 8 minutes.

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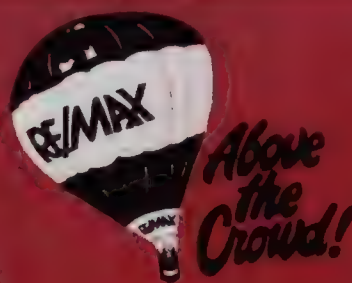
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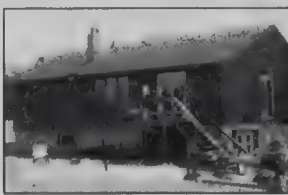
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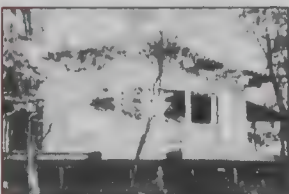
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Police lay three drug charges over the holidays

On Friday, December 20 at 9:15 p.m., members of the OPP's Central Region S.A.V.E. (snowmobile, ATV vessel enforcement) were conducting R.I.D.E. on Main Street in the village of Minden.

While the officers were investigating a vehicle at the R.I.D.E. check, they discovered a quantity of marijuana inside the vehicle.

As a result of this stop, officers ended up seizing 640 grams of marijuana with a street value of \$3,600.

A 51-year-old Sudbury man has been charged with trafficking in a Schedule II drug and Breach of Undertaking.

He was held for a bail hearing in Lindsay court.

Drug charges

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP have laid drug charges against two local men.

On Sunday, December 22, 2002 at 2:00 a.m. officers had occasion to investigate an auto and its occupants in the parking lot of the Northwood Inn.

As a result of further investigation, a 20-year-old man and a 19-year-old man both of Minden, are charged with possession of a Schedule I Drug (cocaine).

Both men were charged and released from custody with a court date in Minden on February 5, 2003.

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More room, more to be proud of

(l-r) Branch 636 Minden Royal Canadian Legion president Gordon Martin, treasurer Bill Mosley, member Don Holden, 1st Charter president Anthony Samarillo, past-president Maurice Winterflood, Warden and Reeve Ross Rigney, and 1st Vice Eric Stearns cut the ribbon for the new addition at the Legion building on Hwy. 35. Money for the new addition, which cost \$4,700, was raised through various functions while \$2,700, more than half, was raised by the Ladies Auxiliary. The addition will seat an additional 36 people. The Legion hopes to raise more funds for other renovations such as the roof and a glassed enclosure for the wheel chair ramp. In the bottom photo are many of the people who worked on the new addition.

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Ice Races opening weekend set for January 11 and 12

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

If Mother Nature co-operates, the 2003 Minden Ice Race Series should get under way on the weekend of January 11 and 12.

Tom Prentice, who builds the track and races in a couple of classes, said the format will be the same as previous years, with the same classes.

This year's early snowfall gave Prentice the opportunity to get started on the track earlier than usual. "We're the farthest ahead we've ever been," he said.

The ice races will run for six consecutive weekends at the Minden Fairgrounds. Racers will register on the day of the event.

As in the past, races won't start on Sundays before noon.

Prentice builds the track on behalf of the Minden Kinsmen Club and he club provides the facilities.

All races are sanctioned by CASC (Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs) and each event is hosted by a different club.

A questionnaire filled out by participants about seven years ago determined that the six weekends of racing injected more than \$350,000 into the local economy. Jim Carrell, Treasurer of the Minden Kinsmen Club, analyzed the data provided by the questionnaire. He said in terms of today's dollars, the ice races should generate in excess of \$400,000 for Minden area businesses.

It has quite an impact on the restaurant and motel businesses of the area," Carrell said.



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

J.O. Jackson Bonspiel winners

The Huntsville team skipped by Terry Dodds earned top honours among the 16 teams competing in the eighth annual J.O. Jackson Memorial Curling Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club Saturday. The late J.O. Jackson's wife Jean and son Mike were on hand to present the trophies to the winning team. They are, left to right: Skip Terry Dodds, vice Carl Seymour, Jean Jackson, Mike Jackson (front) second George Maw and lead Wayne Watkins.

Novice B Storm wins two more

by WENDY SISSON
Special to The Times

The Storm's minor Novice hockey team is off and skating in the second round of regular season play.

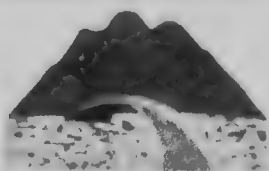
The first game brought Mariposa to Haliburton. The home boys found themselves down 1-0 early in the first period but then rallied nicely answering with three goals of the own. Scoring were Tanner Ballantyne and then Zachary Boice with the next two. Assists went to Jordan Howe, Nick Hunter and Tanner Hamilton.

Howe was on a roll and scored two more goals in the second, assisted by Ballantyne and Stewart Chaulk. In the third Ballantyne finished off the scoring, unassisted, for a final score of 6-1.

Next was an uncommon mid-week trip to Ops.

Suffice it to say that our boys stormed through, putting on a scoring clinic. At the third period buzzer goals were awarded to Ballantyne, Howe, Hunter, Jacob Harrison, Hamilton, Boice, Chaulk and, with his first goal as a Storm member, Jacob Sisson. Assists went to many of the same plus Ben Hicks, Tyler Barry and Donovan MacInnes.

The coaching staff of John Ballantyne, Jeff Howe and Dean Chaulk need to be given a pat on the back. While this young team is doing well, the coaches are quick to keep them focused and in check when their heads appear to be getting a little too big for their helmets.

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Jackrabbit Ski Program for children returns after one year absence

NORDICNOTES

Bob Heyes

The Haliburton Highlands Ski Club is doubly happy this year – once for the early snow and twice for the return of the popular Jackrabbit Ski Program for children. Due to a lack of instructors last year, the program was not held for the first time since 1982!

Back then, the first leader was Teppo Lehtonen and the first location was the flat area just outside the Pro Shop at Pinestone. A few years after that, Wig-A-Mog Inn became the host site, but sometime in the early 1990's the program was moved to Glebe Park and the Haliburton Museum welcomed the kids in from the cold for hot chocolate and a bathroom stop.

Through the 1980's and early 90's the program boasted about 16 to 24 children per season. In 1998, the Ski Club was able to take over the Blue Grass Band Stage and with the Legion's gracious permission, the Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club had a home of its

own.

With financial assistance from High School Nordic coach Bruce Griffith's OFSSA budget, the Clubhouse was renovated and insulated and became the permanent venue for the Jackrabbit program. That year the number of children grew to over 75 and on any Saturday afternoon in January or February, the Clubhouse fairly vibrated with the din of youngsters, their parents and instructors all sipping on warm beverages and talking about skiing.

The Jackrabbit program is first of all about fun. Fun on the snow and fun for children. The focus is on ski games and ski-oriented activities, like the famous "bumps and jumps," the obstacle course and various hoops and cones to ski over, under or around.

Almost without knowing it, the children learn Nordic skills and develop a healthy attitude towards winter and physical activity. The program begins with the simplest of cross country basics – walking on skis, falling on skis and rising up on skis. Next come the more difficult side stepping, making stars in the snow and before long shuffling along in the track and going down slight hills. It is not

long before the children try to imitate the ski-skaters in the older groups and some of the kids are caught up in the urge to ski faster and faster.

The Club encourages all children to participate at their own level and tries to provide appropriate encouragement and training for those who might wish to compete.

Canada's own Becky Scott, silver medallist at last year's Olympics in Soldier's Hollow in Utah, got her debut on skis from the local Jackrabbit program in her home town in Alberta. She is a great example for our youngsters to follow and every Nordic racer in Canada now knows that it is not just the Europeans who make it to the podium.

So, this January 4th, why not join with thousands of other Canadians and come out to the Haliburton Ski Club's first Jackrabbit session? The instructors are dedicated volunteers and are eager to share their knowledge of cross-country skiing with the many children who participate. They are also experts in demonstrating that winter is, perhaps, the most fun time of the year! Parents are welcome to be part of each Saturday's program and you may ski for free during the sessions. Extra help is always appreciated with the youngest skiers. The details: Every Saturday from January 4th to February 8th, six sessions in all. From 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Glebe Park, just past the Museum. For children age 4 to 12 years. Fees are \$18 per child per season. (\$15 for the third or more child in the same family.)

Please come early on the first day if your child is not pre-registered.



Darren Lum/TIMES

Working holiday

School is out, but hockey continues during the holidays. The Highland Storm Pee wee A team goes through drills at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Saturday afternoon, December 28. The Pee wee A squad will be in shape for the remainder of the regular season and into the playoffs.

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Family traditions highlight the Christmas season

The relative peace and quiet of Boxing Day has now descended on the old house. What a great Christmas morning at Connemara with family, gifts thoughtfully chosen and welcome calls received from dear friends and our youngest daughter Caitlin in Snohomish, Washington. This beautiful small town, less than an hour's drive northeast of Seattle, is advertised as the "Antique Capital of the Pacific Northwest." With five blocks of antique and country shops it is a great place for a visit, complete, of course, with lunch at the Snohomish Pie Company.

Well it must be time to start thinking about New Year's resolutions again. With a pledge to finally get organized topping my list for 2003, I dug out the Family Tree Magazine (carefully saved since last April under a stash of stuff on the desk) and turned to the feature article titled "Eight Tips for Getting and Staying Organized." Its author must have been blessed with a warped sense of humor for Tip #1 started with "Buy a bigger house." Back it went under the stash. Oh well, I still have almost a week to procrastinate.

Keeping with a tradition started in last year's column, granddaughter Emma is once again our guest contributor. She writes. This year, Christmas was a little different. In fact, this whole year has been different. In August I moved into a new house and started high school in



AROUND THE TOWN

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September. This experience taught me that change is great. I just love my new house and school. Looking back, I realize that some things never change. Even though my address and school changed my Christmas traditions remained the same.

All members and friends of the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Inc. and interested residents of New Galway are invited to the Association's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, January 11 at the Galway Hall. Welcoming begins at 9:30 a.m. with the formal agenda scheduled from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and social to follow. For more information call Bruce Fleury at 488-2938.

Thanks to Tom Lang for organizing the turkey dinner at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 on December 21 and to those who prepared the delicious meal. It was good to have Father Bill finally put the church bulletin rumour to rest that Frank Farley just had his 80th birthday. Frank admits he has enjoyed his recent, although unexpected,

celebrity status, complete with well wishes, gifts and cards. He now joins friends of Frank Hickey in congratulating the real birthday celebrant.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will be closing mid-January so the City of Kawartha Lakes can complete required upgrades. This historic building houses the Kinmount Community Centre on its main level and the local craft co-operative Marketplace on the lower level. Depending on how the work proceeds, tentative re-opening is scheduled in the latter part of February, with a formal event to take place in early March. Watch future columns for updates.

Haliburton County Home Support Services is a very active organization offering a wide variety of services and programs for Seniors 55+ and physically disabled adults. It is considering offering another trip to Toronto to see the wonderful musical Mamma Mia. If you are interested please call Adele Barnes at 448-2838.

Remember that HCHSS volunteers are also available to provide a daily security check phone call. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service then please call Roxanne at 457-2941.

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With Christmas falling midweek, several of the usual events are on hold until the new year so this column's Scoring News section is a little lean. From our family here at the farmhouse, and all the community event contributors to this column, best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year.

Friday, December 20 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In north/south Muriel and Doug McIntosh took first place with 54%, followed closely by Mayme Douglas and Hal Beach at 53%. Norma Crewson and Vic Mathews led in east/west with 53%. Ev and Fred Vanderland were next with 52%. Ross Fletcher points out that Muriel McIntosh's bridge winning streak continues now with three in a row.

Saturday, December 21 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Top spot went to Sharon Evans 293,

with Gala Stamp second at 285. Hidden score holders were Rob Evans, Iris Taylor and our reporter Ruth Kellett, with moonshots also landing on Iris Taylor and Rob Evans. Best wishes for the coming New Year are sent out to everyone from the group at Staunworth Terrace.

Monday, December 23 Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: In first place was Roger Fournier, with Ida Young second. Draw winner Marg Viney joined the two moonshot holders Ida Young and Mildred St. Thomas in the prize column.

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**January 16, 2003
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 **City of Kawartha Lakes**

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 **THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON**

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, a portion of the road right of way, situated in Lots 33,34, and 35 Concession XI, in the geographic Township of Dysart.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.M.45 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to consider, and if deemed appropriate, enact at its meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building on Newcastle Street, in the Town of Minden, Ontario, on January 22, 2003, a by-law to stop up, close and convey the portions of road allowance more particularly described as follows:

Part No.2 as shown on Reference Plan No. 19R 6602, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Limited, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 26th, 1999, and,

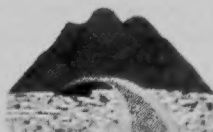
Part No.8 as shown on Reference Plan No. 19R 3239, a plan of survey prepared by Bishop and Wilson, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 4th, 1985.

The aforementioned plans of survey are available for perusal at the Roads Department Office, 3 Saint Germaine St., Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd, day of December, 2002.

Brian W. Mulholland, Operations and Approvals Officer
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on January 30, 2003 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. SRA-02-02
Applicant - **ROBIN WALTER, IRENE MACLEAN AND JAMES HAWKEY**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 14 and 15, Concession 11, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7442, registered October 30, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-13
Applicant - **JOYCE BROWN**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Salerno Lake, lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Parts 2, 7 and 8 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7435, registered October 21, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-12
Applicant - **JOYCE BROWN, SANDRA BROWN AND LESLIE SOEVER**
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- File No. RA-02-03
Applicant - **STUART SMITH, CHRISTINE SPENCER AND JANET SMITH**
A portion of the former Twelve Mile Lake Road being Part of Lot 13, Concession 11, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7445, registered November 1, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-11
Applicant - **MARILYN DIPPELL AND JOHN DIPPELL (TRUSTEES)**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7447, registered November 4, 2002.
- File No. SRA-02-06
Applicant - **KEVIN MCGILLIVRAY**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7443, registered October 31, 2002.
- File No. SRA-01-03
Applicant - **EMILY COOKE**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7437, registered October 23, 2002.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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GIFFIN, ELLA (Resident of Norland, Ontario): At the William Osler Health Centre (Etobicoke Campus) on Friday, December 20, 2002, in her 78th year. Beloved wife of Donald Giffin. Loving mother of Gerald (Mary Jane) of Chester, N.S., Janette and Wayne both of Langley, B.C. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Jamie and Kate. Dear sister of Lillian Taylor of Etobicoke, Jim Taylor of Port Credit, and Dorothy (Mrs. Leonard Davis) of Toronto. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to call at the MOUNT DENNIS UNITED CHURCH, 71 Guestville Avenue, Toronto (near the corner of Eglinton Ave. W., and Weston Road), on Saturday afternoon, January 11, 2003, for a Memorial Service at 2 o'clock. Interment later Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Cobocok, Ontario (705) 454-3913.

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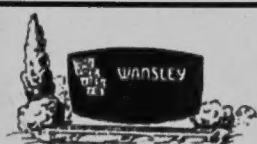
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- **CLIMAX Climbing Club** every Tuesday at Camp Medeba in West Gullford. 630 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 630 to 9:30 p.m. for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
- **Weight!!! TOPS** - Take off pounds sensibly. Lose those excess pounds. Tops is non profit, affordable weight loss organization promoting sensible eating. For local chapter information call Lynn 705-496-3582
- Join the Walking Club, week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leachliff@sympatico.ca
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- **Urgent Need of Respite Volunteers?** Haliburton County Home Support Services is in urgent need of Respite Volunteers for the Minden area. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to give a couple of hours a week to sit, read or chat over a cup of tea with a client, while their caregiver gets a much needed break. Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? We are looking for you! Call 457-2941 for more info.
- **Guided Meditation** Sunday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Trinity Centre located at The Hair Lounge in Camarvon.
- **Volunteers Needed** for local mediation service. Help foster conflict resolution in your community. Free training is provided for all volunteer mediators. For more detailed information, please call 457-3499 extension 608.
- Haliburton County Home Support is considering another trip to the wonderful musical mammas Mia. If you are interested in seeing Mamma Mia, please call Adel Barnes at 448-2838.
- **December 27-January 1:** Karma Chirre will teach according to the experience and ability of those attending with a focus on the path of awakening. Meditations, focus on breathing, loving kindness, compassion, transcendental joy, equanimity and peace. People may follow the retreat program or pursue another meditation practice with guidance from Karma Chirre. Call 705-488-2704 or e-mail: info@dhammacentre.org for details.
- **January is Alzheimer Awareness Month.** Many Businesses will be selling the Forget Me Not Emblems. Please give to the Local Society by purchasing the Emblems for \$1.00. With your support, we can continue to provide local programs and education to families of those caring for a loved one affected with Alzheimer Disease or related dementias.
- **January 2:** Join Home Support's Wheels to Meals Program at the Minden Legion at 1:00 p.m. Please call Ida to make your reservations 457-2941.
- **January 3:** Please join Home Support for Cabbage at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Ida at 457-2941, or just come to our Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza.
- **January 6:** Join Home Support for Contract Bridge at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact 457-2941, or just come to our Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza.
- **January 8:** Join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Kai's in Haliburton. Please call Ida to make your reservation. 457-2941.
- **January 8:** Join Home Support for Bid Euchre at 1:00 p.m. in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. For more information please contact Ida at 457-2941.
- **January 10:** Please join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Bolger's Fine Dining in Harcourt. To make your reservation, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- **January 10:** Join Home Support for Cabbage at 1:00 p.m. in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. For more information please contact Ida at 457-2941.
- Haliburton County Home Support has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a **SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL**. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- Home Support is holding an ongoing **Treasure Sale** in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. We accept items in good condition. Drop in and check it out.
- **January 24:** Alzheimer Society Family/ Caregiver Group at 1:00 p.m. Kinnmount and District Health Centre, Open group. A portable library is also available in your area for home viewing.
- **January 25:** Jr Volleyball at 5:30 p.m. and Adult Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information call 766-9968 or email: dro@vianet.on.ca.
- **January 11:** 6th Annual Dinner & Music Night at 6 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information call 766-9968.
- **January 13:** C.H.A.C.E. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. NOTE: This calendar is NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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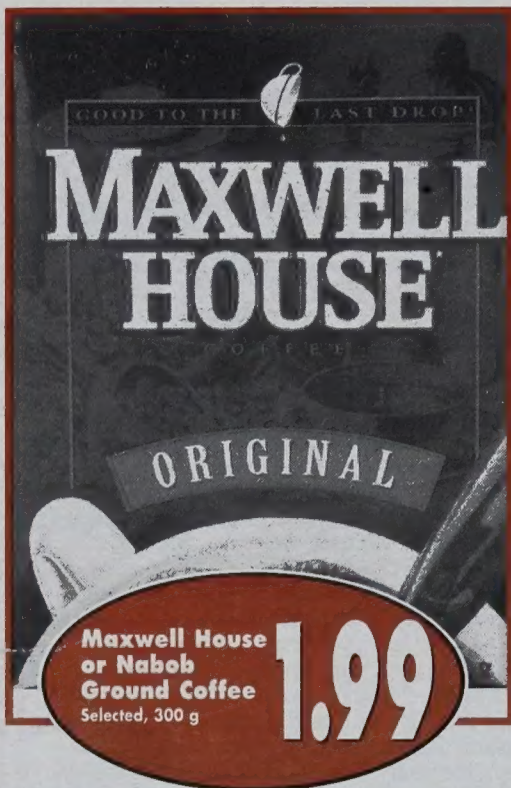
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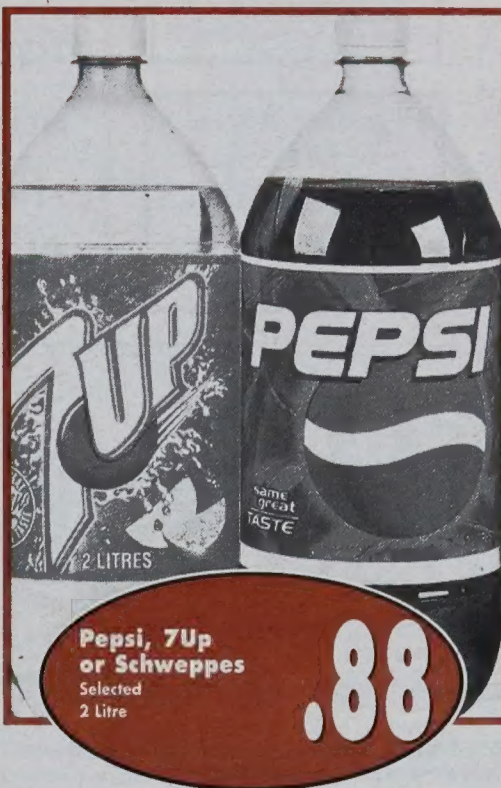
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